Lakeville

Parks & Recreation

Arts Center



Park Maintenance





Recreation



Heritage Center

2015 Annual Report

Mission Statement

"The Lakeville Parks & Recreation Department will strive to administer safe, proficient means of managing park areas and provide diverse recreation opportunities in order to enhance the quality of life for Lakeville residents."

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Leadership & Advising

Mayor and City Council

Matt Little	Mayor
Doug Anderson	Council Member
Bart Davis	Council Member
Colleen LaBeau	Council Member
Kerrin Swecker	Council Member
Justin Miller	City Administrator

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee

The committee met 21 times during 2015, reviewed numerous plats and planning actions and provided recommendations to the City Council. The members also review parks, recreation and natural resources-related issues and policies throughout the year.

Bob Swan	Chair
Jeanne Peterson	Vice Chair
Lori Bovitz, Tom Goodwin, Judy Hayes, Howard Lo	velace,
Scott Kelly	

Lakeville Area Arts Center Advisory Board

The Lakeville Area Arts Center Advisory Board met four times in 2015 and worked closely with the Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center. The Board and Friends provide support and assistance for both visual and performing arts activities.

Kristina Murto	Chair
Michelle Gensinger	Vice Chair
Position Pending	Secretary
Tom Ruesink, Robert Erickson, Jeanne Hutter, Ly	
Susan Landberg, Tim Murphy	-

Staff

Administration	
John Hennen Interim Parks & Recreation Director (Oct.—[Dec.)
Tamara WallaceAdministrative Assis	tant
Lakeville Area Arts Center	
Joe Masiarchin Arts Center Man	ager
Karla HartmannArts Center Administrative Assis	
JoAnne AndresPottery Studio Coordin	
Jeanne SkaffFacility Attend	
Joe Renchin Facility Attend	dant
David SundbergFacility Attend	dant
12 art instructors	
Park Maintenance	
John HennenPark Maintenance & Operations Mana	ager
Mark KruseParks Superv	
Jan LeVasseurPark Maintenance Administrative Assis	
Tony SmithPark Maintenan	
John WeimeltPark Maintenan	
John SchadPark Maintenan	
Tony NovakParks Lead Maintenan	ice II
Joe BronkAssistant to Parks Lead Maintenan	
Tom WeissPark Maintenan	ice II
Mark TschannPark Maintenan	ice II
Joe SchmollPark Maintenan	ice II
Allen FriedgesPark Maintenan	ice II
Mark RoschenPark Maintenan	ice II
26 summer seasonal maintenance employees	
Recreation	
Patty DexterRecreation Superv	visor
Dan Brettschneider Recreation Program Supervisor (Jan—I	
Jane OttumRecreation Administrative Assis	
50 seasonal recreation employees and 10 contractual staff	
Lakeville Area Active Adults	
Patty Ruedy Recreation Program Coordin	ator
Rosemary Mikkelson Active Adults Administrative Assis	
Al ClaytonFacility Attend	
Dan TangenFacility Attended	
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February 22, 2016

Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and citizens of Lakeville:

The 2015 Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report highlights many of our accomplishments during this past year which are all made possible through the citizens, strong partnerships with other governmental agencies, non-profits, civic organizations, and local businesses we have within the City. Among the departments many happenings this year, the Arts Center obtained an Operational Support Grant in the amount of \$42,000 from the Minnesota State Arts Board ultimately increasing social media presence, program registrations, and ticket sales. The Park Maintenance division finished a number of construction/ improvement projects including the completion of Pioneer Plaza in downtown Lakeville, and the reconstruction of Quigley-Sime Park fields with the Lakeville Baseball Association. The Recreation Department continued to bring creative, innovative programming with successful events, league offerings, and camps; while the Heritage Center increased membership with nearly 200 new members in 2015, and an overall increase in facility rentals and revenue as compared to 2014.

The year will also be remembered for the staff changes within the department which included the resignation of Recreation Program Supervisor, Dan Brettschneider. After 14 years of service with the City of Lakeville's Parks & Recreation department, Dan accepted a position as Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Director for the City of Brookings, South Dakota. During his time with the City of Lakeville, Dan was a tremendous asset to the department organizing countless successful events throughout his years.

In addition, the department implemented a new software system, RecTrac, which rolled out December 1. Due to extensive staff preparation and preliminary training, the implementation of the system was a success with staff adapting quickly, very few glitches, and the system changeover proving beneficial with its offerings.

Though 2015 had its obstacles and changes, the dedicated staff within the department worked together to overcome the various challenges, while delivering exceptional programs and services. As the new Parks & Recreation Director, I look forward to working alongside this team to bring even more park amenities and recreational opportunities for the residents of Lakeville. Thank you to the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee, as well as the City Council, for their continued support and encouragement of the department.

Best regards,

John Hennen

Parks & Recreation Director

Administration

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to sincerely thank the local businesses, organizations and individuals for their donations that supported park improvements and Arts Center, Recreation and Heritage Center programs and special events. In 2015, the department received a total of \$233,145 in donations. The Lakeville Baseball Association donated \$150,000 towards the lighting of fields 2, 3, 4, and the parking lot at King Park; and another \$10,000 for the infield project at Quigley baseball fields 1, 3, and 4. Lakeville Rotary gave \$12,000 towards the purchase of new benches in Pioneer Plaza, and \$25,000 towards the reconstruction of the Land of Amazement playground at Steve Michaud Park with plans to donate another \$25,000 in 2016. Various local businesses and organizations donated \$13,968 to support Recreation and Heritage Center programs such as Safety Camp, Family Fun Fest, various Pan-O-Prog events, and Haunted Forest; and the Lakeville Rotary and Cosmopolitan Dental each provided \$2,500 to staff the Puppet Wagon. In addition to the Lakeville Rotary's donation of \$25,000, another \$19,752 was raised through outreach to local businesses & organizations, residents, and anonymous donations. Annually, the Lakeville Parks Department receives grants for snowmobile and cross-country ski trail maintenance and grooming from the Minnesota DNR. In 2015, we received \$17,701 for snowmobile trails and \$5,309 for cross-country ski trails.

Recognizing the importance of community involvement is a high priority for the Parks & Recreation Department, which adds significantly to the quality of life for the residents of Lakeville. Department staff would also like to express their gratitude to local businesses, organizations and individuals for their gifts of time that supported many departmental programs and special events in 2015 and improved Lakeville's park system in some manner. In 2015, over 1,000 volunteers donated their time to City programs and special events such as Winter Ritter-Fest, Adopt-A-Park, Art Festival, Senior programs, Heritage Center events, trail grooming and much more.



LAAC Grant: 1 Year Follow-Up

The Lakeville Area Arts Center was the recipient of a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support Grant in the amount of \$42,000 for FY 2015, which is multi-year funded.

The year-end report for the grant was submitted in January marking the completion of the first year that the grant has been utilized at LAAC. Over the year the grant allowed the Arts

Recreation Program Supervisor accepts new position!

After nearly 15 years with the City of Lakeville, Recreation Program Supervisor, Dan Brettschneider put in his resignation on December 1 to accept a position as Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director with the City of Brookings, South Dakota. Dan began his position with Brookings on December 15, 2015, and is excited to take on the challenge of a new community.

Throughout the years Dan was a tremendous asset to the department, developing, leading, and running countless successful programs for the City, and working hard to bring new recreational program options each year. In his time with the City he was also able to hire numerous high school and college students for various seasonal positions, an opportunity he took a lot of pride and satisfaction in.

Thank you Dan for your years of service with the City of Lakeville, we wish you well in your future endeavors!

Center to hire a House Manager, increase program offerings, and assisted in creating a new system for the presentation of gallery exhibits. The grant also allowed the Arts Center to double the investment made towards marketing the facility. Working with web marketing company SPC on the expansion of social media marketing, these new efforts increased Facebook followers by 424% and allowed for the creation of new Twitter, Google+, Instagram, Yelp, Pinterest, and LinkedIn

profiles as well as the implementation of a new monthly marketing email. The combination of these new accounts will help to increase the Arts Center's ability to market programs and performances.

The year-end report shows a 23% increase in program registrations when compared to 2014. The report also shows that ticket sales are currently up by 24% for the first four months of the current playbill when compared to the same timeframe in 2014.

Community Connections

Parks & Recreation staff works closely with many community and civic groups throughout the year on projects that benefit the City and the residents of Lakeville and beyond:

Apple Valley, Farmington, Lakeville and Rosemount athletic associations **Bluebird Recovery Program Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Dakota County** Downtown Lakeville Business Assoc. Friends of the Lkvl. Area Arts Center Hostelling International-MN Lakeville Area Historical Society Lakeville Arenas Lakeville Community Education

Lakeville Chamber of Commerce Lakeville Convention & Visitors Bureau Lakeville Friends of the Environment Lakeville Knights of Columbus Lakeville Lions Lakeville Rotary Lakeville school clubs Lakeville veterans Lakeville Yellow Ribbon Local food shelves MN Department of Natural Resources

MN Pole Benders Association MN Recreation & Park Assoc. (MRPA) Pan-O-Prog Board School Districts 191, 192, 194 & 196 Lakeville Area Active Adults Committee Sno Trackers Snowmobile Club **South Forty Archers** South Metro Storm Swim Club South of the River Recreators (S.O.R.R.) Three Rivers Park District



Pioneer Plaza Grand Opening!

During the summer of 2015, Pioneer Plaza in downtown Lakeville underwent a reconstruction to improve the parks features. Construction to the park included the installation of a new water feature, permeable pavers, concrete sidewalk, landscaping, replacement of the large spruce tree used during the holiday lighting ceremony, trash receptacles throughout, and the installation of 12 new benches through a \$12,000 donation from the Lakeville Rotary.

Construction on the project wrapped up on September 10, with a rededication ceremony held on Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. In spite of heavy rains earlier that day, the rededication event was well attended with approximately 30 people including family members of the Pioneers. A small reception followed











Fundraising for the new Land of Amazement 2.0 playground at Steve Michaud Park began in 2015. A landmark within the City for more than 23 years, this unique playground has been loved by thousands but now it is also well worn. Residents, businesses, and individuals have been asked to join together to ensure continued opportunities for childhood adventure, and amazing memories for generations of kids to come.

The new structure will reflect the original vision, but will also include new innovations to inspire the imagination including new mazes, bridges, and platforms; the playground will also meet today's safety and accessibility standards.

Multiple donation recognition levels and opportunities are available including the ability to sponsor specific playground equipment pieces.

Through the department's outreach to local businesses and organizations, resident contributions, and anonymous donations, the Land of Amazement has currently raised \$92,473 of its \$271,627 goal. Fundraising efforts continue.

Lakeville Area Arts Center



Mission Statement: The Lakeville Area Arts Center promotes cultural enrichment and artistic experiences for the community by providing an environment that fosters creative expression and offers a myriad of artistic and educational opportunities.

The Lakeville Area Arts Center celebrated its 14th year of providing diverse and exciting cultural arts programs, concerts, exhibits and special events for the residents of the Lakeville area. The facility has hosted over 502,332 visitors since opening. In addition to cultural events on stage and in the studio, the Arts Center has gained popularity as a venue for Pan-O-Prog events, the Lakeville Art Festival, community fundraisers such as the Taste of Lakeville, conferences, community functions, as well as family gatherings such as weddings or retirement parties.

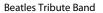
Accomplishments

- Raised \$1,500 for local food shelves from the Empty Bowls fundraiser during the Christmas holiday as part of the annual art sale.
- In 2015 LAAC increased Facebook followers by 424% ending the year at 1880 fans.
- LAAC added new Twitter, Google+, Instagram, Yelp, Pinterest and LinkedIn profiles.
- A total of 130 classes were offered, which included classes for preschool through adult. Art classes were offered in pottery, painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor), jewelry, drawing, and mixed-media.
- Program registrations increased by 22.68% from 2014. The increase is due to a number of factors; increased program offerings, new sessions added to accommodate waitlists and increased advertising.
- 32 stage productions and concerts were sponsored in part by state and regional grants or by local businesses
- 11,266 reserved seat theater tickets were sold using our online ticket purchasing service.

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Arts Center program revenue	\$85,444.31
Arts Center performance revenue	\$108,318.62
Arts Center visitors in 2015	
Arts Center visitors in 13 years	502,332
Facility rental revenue	\$32,753.18
Facility bookings	
Art Festival attendance	
Art Festival artists	70
On stage performances	107
Theater attendees	
Classes offered	
Class participants	
Board volunteers	20
Board volunteer hours	234
Usher volunteers for theater events	65
Usher volunteer hours	234
Art Festival volunteers	100
Art Festival volunteer hours	1,848







Wine & Designs Painting Workshop

Lakeville Arts Festival

Sponsored by the **Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center**, the annual Lakeville Art Festival was held on September 19 and 20 in historic downtown Lakeville on the grounds of the Lakeville Area Arts Center to celebrate art in our community. The festival features artist demonstrations, literary art, community art projects and a food and entertainment court.

The Art Festival drew approximately 9,000 guests to the downtown area in addition to providing community exposure through regional media coverage.

A special thank you for the generous donations from local businesses who sponsor the festival, Sarah Stowell, Art Festival Director and for the many volunteers who help to make this event happen.

To learn more about the Lakeville Art Festival, go to www.lakevilleartfestival.org.



In honor of youth art month, **The Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center**, sponsors an annual Youth Art Month Exhibit. The exhibit consists of selected art by area students in grades 1–12 and includes approximately 150 artworks displayed in the Arts Center galleries. Hosted by the Friends is an opening reception for the students and their families. Over 750 people attended this reception in 2015.

Thanks to generous donations from local businesses and individuals, this event reaches numerous families in our community.



YAMe Opening Reception Stage Entertainment



Community Art Projects



Live Stage Entertainment



Kid's Art Activities



Artist Demonstrations

Classes & Activities

Our art classes continue to be popular for all age groups. Residents appreciate the welcoming nature of our instructors and the opportunity to be a part of the community through their artistic talents.

This year the adult art students continued the tradition of culminating the art year with an annual Holiday Art Sale. The sale not only benefits the students who have remained loyal to our classes, but also the instructors, who together generate income from their art sales.

Also as part of this sale, the Lakeville Area Arts Center pottery studio sponsored an "empty bowls" fundraiser. Our potters donate their time to produce approximately 150 soup bowls which are available at a suggested donation of \$10 each. All proceeds go to local food shelves to help feed the hungry. This year they raised \$1,500.00.





Adult Class Offerings

Oil & Acrylic Painting Watercolor Drawing Pottery

Wine & Designs: Art Night Out

Youth Class Offerings

Parent-child Art Homeschool Art Preschool Art Pottery Painting & Drawing Summer Art Camps



Summer Art Camps: Acrylic Painting, Mixed Media Cupcakes and Owls

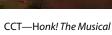
Professional and Community Theater

Expressions Community Theater, Children's Castle Theater, The Play's the Thing Productions, and Prairie Fire Theatre presented 51 performances of 11 different plays and musicals.

Expressions Community Theater set a new sales record in 2015 for their production of Christmas Belles with over 1020 tickets sold during the 7 performances.

Honk! The Musical (Children's Castle)	Feb. 13-15 & 20-22
The Fox On The Fairway (Expressions)	March 20-22 & 27-29
Oliver! (The Play's the Thing)	May 1-3 & 8-10
Robin Hood (Prairie Fire)	June 17-18
Baba Yaga (Children's Castle)	June 26-28
Snow White (Prairie Fire)	July 15-16
Barefoot In The Park (Expressions)	July 31, Aug 1-2 & 7-9
Jack & The Beanstalk (Prairie Fire)	Aug. 19-20
Jekyll & Hyde The Musical (The Play's The Thing)	Oct. 23-25, 30-31 & Nov. 1
Christmas Belles (Expressions)	Nov. 13-15, 19-22
Elf Jr. The Musical (The Play's the Thing)	Dec. 11-13, 18-20, 26 & 27













Expressions—Barefoot In The Park

Performances

Some highlights from the year:

- 2015 set a new sales record for the Coffee Concert Series with 412 tickets sold.
- Elf Jr. the Musical sold out all 8 of their shows with 1992 tickets sold.
- In December there were 12 holiday stage performances for 2,473 audience members.
- In 2015 LAAC Started a new series: First Thursday Pub Nights.

Love Potion #10, The Whitesidewalls	Jan. 9
The Musical Offering, Coffee Concert	Jan. 25
Socaholix	Jan. 31
Ole & Lena	Feb. 608
Art In Motion	Feb. 27
Comedy Night	Feb. 28
Artaria String Quartet, Coffee Concert	March 15
Sonia Nazario, Enrique's Journey;	
One Book, One Lakeville	
Wilder Octet, Coffee Concert	
Rumours and Dreams	
Minneapolis Guitar Quartet, Coffee Concert	May 17
Jay & Tammy Variety Music	June 12
Alison Scott	Oct. 3
The Britins Beatles Tribute	
Rob Meany, First Thursday Pub Night	Nov. 5
Flamenco On Fire	Nov. 7
Phil Halstead, First Thursday Pub Night	Dec. 3
Simple Gifts	Dec. 4
Monroe Crossing	
Santa & Puppets	Dec. 16

Art Gallery Exhibits

Evening of Art & Dance	Feb. 27
Youth Art Exhibit	March 12-22
Sue Kemnitz, Acrylic "Birds"	March 25-April 29
Senior High School Art Show	May 4-22
Rita Ryan, Watercolor	June 1-July 31
Sue Kemnitz, Art Festival Exhibit	Sept. 14-Oct. 9
Jessica Kremer	Oct. 12-Nov. 23
Contemporary Ouilters	Dec. 1-Jan. 11



Rita Ryan, Watercolor Exhibit



Jessica Kremer Mixed Media Exhibit



Alison Scott, Sound System Debut Performer



Rumours & Dreams, Music of Fleetwood Mac



Minnesota Contemporary Quilters Exhibit

Park Maintenance

The Park Maintenance Department was able to complete a number of construction/improvement projects during 2015. Coordinating efforts between staff and contractors allowed for multiple projects to be completed. The renovation of Pioneer Plaza was a coordinated project between staff, two contractors and a landscape architect. The project involved replacing the water feature, paver walkway and irrigation system. Parks staff completed demolition, site preparation, site grading and installation of irrigation, sod, new benches and landscaping including a new Evergreen tree. A new water feature was installed by a contractor while another contractor installed the new stamped and colored sidewalks.

Infield reconstruction at Quigley-Sime Park fields #1, 3 & 4 was a joint project with the Lakeville Baseball Association. Parks staff worked closely with the contractor to complete the project; in addition staff installed new sod on the infields. Safety netting was installed at Aronson Park fields #1 & 4 to protect vehicles and users of the park from errant softballs during games. The building at Steve Michaud Park received a makeover in 2015. New paint and carpet in the meeting room and restrooms received new sinks, countertops and LED lighting. In 2015 over 1.75 miles of trail were reclaimed along the north side of 165th Street and east side of Ipava Avenue. In addition, approximately 24 miles of trails and eight parking lots were crack-filled and fog sealed for regular maintenance and preservation.

The Park Maintenance Department provided high quality, safe and well-maintained parks, trails, playgrounds, beach, skating and athletic facilities allowing users of all ages to enjoy the outdoors. The department continues to use a professional turf management program to ensure timely applications of fertilizer and herbicides, including efforts to reseed and improve worn and thin athletic and general park property turf. Playgrounds, facilities and park amenities were also improved where possible. The 2015 vandalism summary indicated there were six occurrences (down from 27 in 2014). Repair costs totaled \$6,620 including labor, a 29% decrease from 2014 (\$9,350).





Quigley-Sime Park Infield Reconstruction

By the Numbers

<u> </u>
Park properties58
Designated conservation areas20
Acres of park property1,739.25
Miles of bituminous bike & pedestrian trails105
Miles of natural surface trails15.7
Acres of turf maintained430
Baseball fields/grass infields13
Basketball courts—full-court/half-court3/18
Beaches3
Boat launches2
Buildings with restrooms11
Fishing piers4
Football fields17
Grills87
Horseshoe courts2
Lacrosse fields10
Parking lots—gravel/paved9/35
Picnic shelters22
Picnic tablesApprox. 340
Playgrounds41
Rinks—hockey (6 are paved) total/active11/9
Rinks—pleasure skating total/active9/7
Soccer fields48
Softball fields/skinned infields (25 are school)60
Tennis courts8
Trash barrelsApprox. 350
Volleyball courts9
Volunteers for tree sale/volunteer hours5/20
Adopt-A-Park volunteers (36 parks)/vol. hours190/720
Other major facilities maintained: Central Maintenance

Accomplishments: Park Projects/Improvements

Athletic Facilities

- Infield reconstruction at Quigley-Sime Park fields #1,3&4
- Installation of safety netting at Aronson Park fields #1&4

Trail Reconstruction/Overlay/Sealcoating

- Reclaimed section of trail on north side 165th (Ipava to Kenrick and Highview to Holbrooke Avenue) and east side of Ipava (165th to Steve Michaud Park)
- 24 miles of trails were swept, crack-filled and fog sealed
- Eight parking lots were swept, crack-filled, fog sealed and striped

Miscellaneous Park Improvements

- Pioneer Park reconstruction and new water feature
- Removed retaining wall and enlarged parking lot at Ritter Farm Park ELC building
- Removed baseball field #2 at Foxborough Park, installed drain tile and seeded the site





Quigley-Sime Infield Improvement





Ritter Farm Park Retaining Wall Removal



Safety Netting Pole Installation



Safety Netting Pole Installation



Safety Netting Pole Installation



Trail Sweeping



Trail Crack Sealing



Trail Fog Sealing

Accomplishments: Maintenance

Athletic Fields

- Laid out/striped Lacrosse, soccer, baseball and softball fields for summer season
- Assisted safety netting installation crew at Aronson Park Fields #1&4, replaced burned out ballfield lights and installed new fencing panel at Field #4 first base line
- Ballfield maintenance at athletic sites
- Repaired outfield and infield fencing at Aronson Park
- Painted soccer goals at Aronson Park
- Striped fields (average 80 per week)
- Removal of baseball field #2 at Foxborough Park

- Weekly beach water testing at all three beaches for coliform bacteria
- Installed, maintained and removed beach buoys for summer season
- Installed decals on beach buoys; assembled new rope/ floats for swim areas

General

- Constructed 15 steel-frame picnic tables
- Conservation Trail maintenance
- Building maintenance repairs/improvements at Cherryview, Dakota and Prairie Lake parks; contractor installed new furnaces at Dakota, McGuire and Michaud
- Painting projects at LAAC; also repaired ceiling tiles and dusted high window ledges
- Painted ice rink warming houses; cleaned carpets in all park buildings
- Installed tennis/volleyball nets

- Removed fencing/benches from Foxborough Park north baseball field along with the concrete pads and infield; installed drain tile, topsoil and seeded area
- Repaired Casperson Park boat launch and reconstructed Orchard Lake boat launch
- Removed old playground plane and installed new singlespring plane at Lynwood Heights Park
- Completed bleacher and bridge inspections and repairs
- Contractor installed privacy fence at Antlers Park; stained by staff
- Installed colored mulch at all ID signs in system
- Infield maintenance including the cleaning of dugouts at all baseball/softballs sites
- Swept trails for fog sealing and contractors completed trail crack sealing/fog sealing operations and striped eight park parking lots
- Installation of concrete pads/donated benches at King Park Miracle Field and memorial bench in playground; also installed a concrete bench pad and memorial bench at East Park
- Completed site demolition, grading, irrigation, planting and sod installation at Pioneer Plaza Park for new walkway and water feature
- Assisted contractor at Quigley-Sime Park with infield renovation project on Fields #1, 3&4; installed maintenance gate and repaired fencing
- Replaced shingles at McGuire warming house
- Cleaned and organized outside storage at PWSF and prepared area for auction
- Completed snowplow training and rodeo



Orchard Lake Boat Launch Reconstruction



CMF Sign Landscaping



Willow Removal on Trails



Tree Trust Bleacher Pad Project



Antlers Park Privacy Fence Installation



Sweeping

- Improved swale and graded on west side of Dakota Heights
- Removed/replaced fence, enlarged parking lot and seeded construction area at Ritter Park ELC
- Building maintenance, inspections spring start and winterized buildings
- Installed drain tile at Chadwick Park
- Mulched leaves in parks and trimmed landscaping back for winter season system-wide
- Removed graffiti at Antlers Park building
- New water heater at Aronson Park installed by contractor
- Removed Antlers Park fishing pier damaged in strong winds
- Installed Holiday on Main banner at City Hall, and installed holiday lights at Pioneer Park, Market Plaza, City Hall and LAAC
- Contractor removed furnace from Foxborough building and reinstalled it at Parkview

Landscaping/Forestry

- Trimmed and removed standing dead trees at Ritter Farm Park and trails
- Removed downed trees and branches from July 18th storm throughout system
- Tree Trust commenced construction of bleacher pads at Quigley-Sime Park
- Trimmed Arborvitae throughout system
- Replaced Ivory Silk Lilac tree at Market Plaza
- Removed downed trees at Haunted Forest trail, Highview Heights Park
- Forty-eight trees were planted by staff and contractor; additionally, 20 new small trees were planted in nursery

Rink Maintenance

• Cleaned, flooded and maintained 16 pleasure/hockey

- rinks
- Removed ice along boards as needed
- Applied Round-up to gravel rink sites
- Installed end-board fencing at Cherryview Park and north ends of Dakota and Meadows Parks
- Performed rink inspections and repairs

Signs

- Replaced faded signs at Casperson Park launch and bent signs at Orchard Lake Park
- Installed signs for Kenwood Trail Disc Golf Course and middle school
- Continued GPS data collection of all park signs

Trails

- Repaired trail at Oak Shores Park and north side CR 50 east of Cedar Avenue
- Repaired trail section east side of playground at Dakota Heights Park

Turf-related Maintenance

- Applied grub control at Steve Michaud Park
- Applied fertilizer to athletic fields and Round-up to playground weeds
- Aerated main athletic fields and other park property
- Completed fall fertilizer application to all park properties
- Maintained irrigation systems
- Repaired goal mouths with sod at Michaud, Foxborough and Aronson Parks
- Completed fall broadleaf herbicide application
- Hydro-seeded and slit-seeded multiple areas within the parks system



Tree & Shrub Sale



Flower Planting at Vets Memorial Site



Rink Flooding



Household Hazardous Waste Day



Tree Spade Planting



Trail Repair on County Road 50

Special Events

Park Maintenance staff prepared for and assisted with the following special events in 2015:

- Apple Jack Cross Country event
- Arbor Day Observance & Community Tree & Shrub Sale
- Downtown Holiday Lighting Ceremony
- Downtown Lakeville Business Association special
- Farmers' Market (Wednesdays and Saturdays)
- Fishing contests (summer and winter)
- Fourth of July celebration
- Haunted Forest
- City auction
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
- Lake Marion Triathlon
- Lakeville Art Festival
- Memorial Day ceremony
- Miscellaneous runs/walks and fundraisers in the parks

- Pan-O-Prog events
- Prepared for over 50 youth athletic tournaments and camps, including several youth district/state tournaments
- Relay for Life special event
- Safety Camp
- Heritage Center special events and fundraisers
- Taste of Lakeville
- Veterans Day ceremony
- Watershed Cleanup Day
- Who Done It Hike

The City hosted its 8th annual Tree & Shrub Sale in conjunction with Arbor Day on April 25. Trees and shrubs could be pre-purchased at a discount and picked up at the CMF. In total, 297 trees and shrubs were sold.

Sentence to Service

Each year the Parks Department contracts with Dakota County, which administers the Sentence to Service Program, whereby the county provides work crews of non-dangerous criminal offenders the opportunity to perform unskilled labor. In 2015, the work crews worked 53 days accounting for 2,568 hours of labor and tended to various park projects including:

- Chips added to Kenwood Trail Disc Golf Course
- Scraped hockey rinks for painting
- Installed bio-barrier along trail segments
- Cut down Willows on Pilot Knob south of 170th Street
- Washed beach buoys
- Installed 18 Red Twig Dogwoods on property line at Ritter Farm Park
- Removed plants, installed Blue Spruce/mulch at CMF ID
- Installed seed blanket at Ritter Park ELC building
- Leveled fibar in playgrounds
- Rain garden maintenance
- Installed seed blanket at PWSF diversion berm







Bench clearing at Ritter Farm Park

Tree Trust

The Parks Department contracted with the Tree Trust organization, which provides area youth a useful work experience, which will assist them in obtaining future employment. In 2015:

Quigley-Sime bleacher pad installation on fields #1 & 2





Buckthorn removal at East Community Park

Parks Volunteers

Volunteers from various organizations and general citizens assisted with projects and light maintenance throughout the park system.

Adopt-A-Park

Adopt-A-Park is a public service program for volunteers to pick up litter, identify safety hazards and communicate other issues associated with the park they have adopted and are keeping clean. Thirty-six parks and conservation areas are currently adopted by individuals or groups. In 2015, volunteers donated approximately 720 hours of their time to the program.

Eagle Scout Projects

Antlers Park—Installation of six benches and concrete pads by two different scouts

Foxborough Park—Completed painting project of building and shelter

Ritter Farm Park Removed Buckthorn near ELC building

Prairie Lake Park Paint-stained gazebo and exterior of hockey rink





Eagle Scouts Project with King Park bleachers



Forestry

The Lakeville Park Forestry Program had a number of accomplishments in 2015. Several planting projects, tree trimming, removals and other inter-departmental projects were coordinated and carried out. Responsibilities also included reforestation, park system-wide tree care and the following:

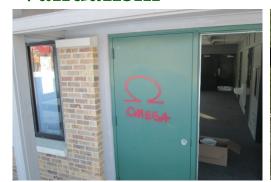
- Planted 48 trees (20 by contractor), pruned 646 trees along with the removal of 36 dead trees
- Maintained municipal tree nursery at Central Maintenance Facility and planted an additional 20 trees for future transplanting in the park system
- Conducted annual Arbor Day Observance and Tree & Shrub Sale
- Worked jointly with other City departments on tree care issues
- Continued to participate in "equipment share" (i.e. tree spade) program with neighboring communities

- Continued to plant, prune, mulch and water trees along with other forestry tasks
- Staff attended tree care seminars, including tree inspector re-certification

Tree City USA Community

The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes cities and towns across America that meet the standards of the Tree City USA program by effectively managing their public tree resources and encouraging the implementation of community tree management. At least half the trees in Lakeville are on public property. 2015 marked the 23rd year Lakeville has applied for re-certification and received this designation.

Vandalism



Spray-painting at Foxborough Park



Portable restroom set on fire at Highview Heights



Men's restroom vandalized at Valley Lake Park

Antlers Park	10-24-15: Extensive graffiti painted on walls of building, playground equipment and trash barre	l \$1,077
Casperson Park	10-26-15: Damage to turf from vehicle making donuts on fields	\$352
Fairfield Park	02-04-15: Fire damage in tunnel slide	\$4,476
Foxborough Park	06-25-15: Boarded window broken into; fire extinguisher shot off in building	\$297
Parkview	05-29-15: Graffiti on north entry door of building	\$79
Quigley-Sime Park	05-12-15: Men's restroom door handle and lock-set damage on building	\$339
Monetary value from above mentioned six vandal-related incidents (including labor costs)\$6,620		

Park Facilities/Properties

Central Maintenance Facility		
Parks Acres		
1. Antlers Park12.00		
2. Aronson Park70.00		
3. Bassett Park		
4. Bracketts Crossing Park1.00		
5. Bunker Hill Park10.00		
6. Casperson Park & Boat Launch40.00		
7. Cedar Highlands Park8.90		
8. Chadwick Park		
9. Cherryview Park12.50		
10. Dakota Heights Park12.00		
11. Dodd Marsh Park27.37		
12. Dodd Pointe Park2.50		
13. Dodd Trail Park11.30		
14. East Community Park70.00		
15. Fairfield Park		
16. Fieldstone Park14.00		
17. Foxborough Park27.00		
18. Greenridge Park10.00		
19. Greenway Park2.00		
20. Highview Heights Park10.00		
21. Hypointe Crossing Park2.00		
22. I-35 Fishing Dock		
23. Independence Park6.00		
24. James Jensen Park3.50		
25. Jaycee Park3.50		
26. Juno Trailway Trailhead1.00		
27. Kenmore Park		
28. Kenreel Park		
29. Kensington Park10.00		
30. King Park50.00		
31. Lakeridge Park12.00		
32. Lone Oak Park		
33. Lynwood Heights Park3.40		
34. Marion Fields Park5.15		
35. Market Plaza		
36. McGuire Soccer Park8.00		
37. Meadows Park17.00		
38. Oak Shores Park		
39. Oaks of Lake Villa Park		
40. Orchard Lake Beach		
43. Pioneer Plaza		
44. Prairie Lake Park9.67 45. Quail Meadows Park		
46. Quigley-Sime Park27.00 47. Ritter Farm Park340.00		

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49.	Rolling Oaks Park	12.00
	Sleepy Hollow Park	
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51.	Steve Michaud Park (FKA North Park)	42.00
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	Village Creek Park	
	Wayside Park	
	West Lake Marion Park	
	Wild Meadows Park	
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Co	nservation Areas	Acres
1.	Cherryview Conservation Area	
2.	Dakota Heights Conservation Area	
3.	Daniels Conservation Area	
4.	Foxborough Conservation Area	
5.	Goose Lake Conservation Area	
6.	Great Oak Shores Conservation Area	
7.	Kachina Court Conservation Area	
8.	Knollwood Circle Conservation Area	1.44
9.	Lone Tree Point Conservation Area	
10.	Meadows Conservation Area	10.00
11.	Orchard Lake Conservation Area	32.70
12.	Orchard Trail Conservation Area	26.68
13.	Quail Meadows Conservation Area	14.04
14.	Raven Lake Conservation Area	3.40
	Rolling Oaks Conservation Area	
	Soberg Waterfowl Production Area	
	Spring Hill Conservation Area	
	Steve Michaud Park Conservation Area	
	Woodbury Conservation Area	
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Recreation

The Recreation Department continues to strive to meet the needs of the community—a combination which includes creative, innovative programming and managing a fiscally responsible budget. We feel the residents deserve nothing but the best and we strive to carry out the department's motto, "Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs."

Accomplishments

Creating Community Through People

We collaborated with multiple organizations throughout the year including youth sports organizations, the school district, businesses, and residents including families, youth and seniors.

• Creating Community Through Parks

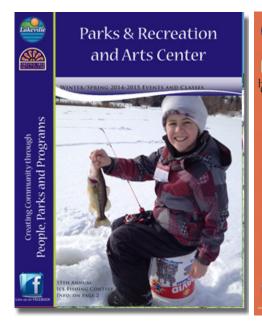
The Recreation Department continued to accommodate the requests of scheduling park facilities: 421 facility reservations occurred at Antlers, Casperson, East Community, Ritter Farm and Valley Lake Parks. There were 14,889 bookings of fields and rink facilities during 2015.

• Creating Community Through Programs

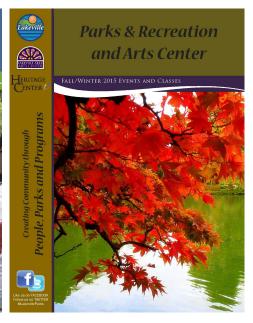
Department staff successfully coordinated the offering of over 400 programs/classes including several annual special events. We continued several traditional recreational programs throughout the year and professionally managed 50 seasonal staff who worked as program leaders, puppeteers and warming house attendants.

By the Numbers

Recreation Department revenue\$326,065
Registered recreation program participants8,141
Of the 8,141 participants, registered online 35.5%
Brochure ads30
Program participant highlights
Discount tickets and MOA wristbands sold499
Golf participants145
Learn to Skate participants603
Special event participants5,214
Tennis program participants244
Youth activities participants1,074
Adult league teams181
Adult league team participants3,258
Puppet Wagon attendance3,247
Seasonal staff50
Volunteers for 13 events
Volunteer hours
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Special Events

Highlighted below are some of the special events, organized by department staff, that continue to be very popular and well-attended. Some may be old-time favorites, a first-time offering, or an event that has been offered for many years, but given a facelift.

Event	# of Participants
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Easter Egg Scramble	87
Fishing contests (2)	407
Family Fun Fest	1,300
Haunted Forest	
POP 4th of July fireworks	thousands
Pan-O-Prog Run	

Pan-O-Prog Youth Play Day	1,000
Parent/Child Dance (SORR)	250
Safety Camp	88
Santa letters & calls	82
Santa's Secret Store	450
Who Done It Hike	174



Passport to Paris—Daddy/ Daughter Dance



Easter Egg Scramble & Breakfast



Puppet Wagon



Ice Fishing Contest



Safety Camp



Tiny Tots Turf Soccer



Free Family Fitness



Pedal the Parks



POP Softball Tourney

Facility Usage & Sports

There are a total of 141 different sport fields/rinks managed by the department. Staff processed 421 park and 14,889 field/rink reservations which generated \$36,741 in revenue (includes \$2,050 in field/rink light fees). Staff also assisted with, and prepared athletic facilities for 52 tournaments, camps and clinics. We estimate just over 12,000 youth participated in various athletic activities hosted at Lakeville park facilities. Additionally, staff continued to work closely with all three school districts, utilizing and scheduling outdoor athletic facilities to meet the needs of the community.

Lakeville is very fortunate to have such an active volunteer group of youth sports associations. In addition, the City also works closely with associations in Apple Valley, Farmington and Rosemount in scheduling field use within Lakeville's

The following associations work closely with staff in the scheduling of all athletic fields in the City (both in the parks and the schools):

- Lakeville Baseball Association
- Lakeville Fastpitch Softball Association
- Lakeville Football Association
- Lakeville Hockey Association (outdoor ice)
- Lakeville Lacrosse Association
- Lakeville Soccer Club

Outdoor Ice Rinks

In addition to Park Maintenance staff building and maintaining the ice, it takes 40+ attendants to staff the warming houses and provide a safe environment for the skaters. The 2014-2015 outdoor skating season was a very warm season. Seven warming houses were open an average of 48 days, and 20,972 skaters visited the rinks during this time. Average daily attendance ranged from 44 to 62 skaters, depending on location. Staff continues to work with the hockey associations from Lakeville, Apple Valley, Farmington and Rosemount in scheduling outdoor ice.

By the Numbers

Park rental revenue\$36,741
Field/rink light fee\$2,050
Bookings for fields, rinks, etc14,889
Bookings for shelters at Antlers, Casperson, East
Community, Ritter Farm and Valley Lake Parks421
Park and school facilities scheduled for youth sports36
Softball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse and football
fields scheduled for field users141
Tournaments, camps and clinics hosted at
City of Lakeville facilities52
Number of kids/ revenue in youth organized athletic pro-
grams (admin fee \$5):baseball, softball, soccer, football, and
lacrosse6,493, \$32,465
Skaters using Lakeville outdoor ice rinks 20,972
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Programs at Ritter Farm Park — Dog Sled Rides, Winter Ritter-Fest, and Music Together







Mother/Son Super Hero Event



KayBiRu Triathalon

Lakeville Area Active Adults

Mission Statement: The Lakeville Area Active Adults will strive to meet the recreational, social and educational needs of members age 50 and older in an enjoyable, inclusive and courteous environment.

The Lakeville Area Active Adults had another very successful and busy year at the Heritage Center. Total membership in 2015 was 1,002 and 194 new members joined. Healthways Flex™ Fitness levels 1 and 2, Fitness Nutrition and Interval Walking classes taught by Mickey Schuenke, (Certified Specialist in Senior fitness and a Specialist in Fitness Nutrition through the International Sports Sciences Association) continue to be very popular, as lots of members are taking control of their health and well-being.

Accomplishments

- New programs in 2015 included Beginning Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, Bingo, Hearts, 500 cards, four new technology classes, Interval Walking, Fitness Nutrition and Holidays at the Heritage Center
- Facility rentals and revenue increased to over \$50,000 in 2015, with many positive comments about facility and staff
- Special presentations included a historical presentation on Prohibition, Estate Planning and an event planned by the Lakeville Senior Resource Coalition, "Close Encounters of the Third Age—Reinventing at Retirement"
- Special events included a Summer BBQ with entertainment (dulcimers), Ice Cream Social with entertainment (Boxcar Bob & Wil Kelly) and a grandparent/grandchild event at Holz Farm in Eagan
- A 2nd annual Holiday Open House was very successful again with 100 attending. Donations were received from Highview Hills Senior Living, The Fountains at Hosanna!, Kingsley Shores Senior Living, Cub Pharmacy-Heritage, Cub Pharmacy-Kenwood Trail and Lakeville Area Active Adults
- 14 trips were able to go because of new offerings and partnerships with other communities

By the Numbers

Total membership (Mar-Dec)	1.002
New members in 2015 (Mar-Dec)	
Lakeville resident members	
Non-resident members	
Female members	
Male members	
320 Lakeville single residents @ \$20/each	
245 Lakeville couples @ \$35/each	
126 Non-Lakeville singles @ \$25/each	
33 Non-Lakeville couples @ \$40/each	
Total raised in membership fees (Mar-Dec)	
Annual program fees (replaced punch cards)	
Facility rentals/bookings	
Facility rental revenue	
Average number of programs offered monthly	
Annual member participation in all programs	
Newsletter distribution	
Newsletters mailed/emailed	
New programs offered	12
Fall Waffle Breakfast attendance	
Lakeville Area Active Adult volunteers	205
Reception desk volunteer hours (Jan-Dec)	2,196
Bread driver volunteer hours (Jan-Dec)	





Two of many large special events: Senior Aging & Wellness Expo hosted by Congressman John Kline and the Pan-O-Prog Craft & Bake Sale

Heritage Center Usage

Weekly

- Line dance and tappercize classes
- Healthways Flex[™] Fitness exercise classes - Level 1 & 2
- Yoga, Zumba Gold, Pilates
- Creative writing
- Computer tutoring
- Chorus groups
- Card groups and table games

Monthly

- Blood pressure checks
- Health insurance counseling
- Knitting and tatting

- Hearing screening
- Book club
- Digital photography/Craft group
- Legal advice
- Foot care
- Diner's Club

Annual

- Fall Waffle Breakfast
- Lifeline Screening (2)
- Flu shot clinic (2)
- National Night Out & Puppet Show
- Pan-O-Prog Baby Crawl
- Pan-O-Prog Craft & Bake Sale
- Holidays at the Heritage Center

Other

- Technology classes
- Lasagna dinners (5)
- Volunteer recognition luncheon
- Holiday open house
- Driver safety classes, 2-3/month
- Recreation programs
- Daytime, evening and weekend corporate and private rentals
- Yellow Ribbon veterans programs and special events
- Historical Society programs and special events



Healthways FlexTM Fitness Level 1



Healthways FlexTM Fitness Level 2



Line dancing



Creative writing group published a book



Heart Restart CPR



Mahjong



National Night Out & Puppet Show



Grandkids in the kitchen



Summer BBQ and entertainment



Ice Cream Social & Entertainment



Life Line Screening



Health Angels Biking



Fall waffle breakfast



Holiday open house

Community Collaboration

The Lakeville Area Active Adults collaborate with the following organizations and businesses:

- Apple Valley Villa
- Augustana Regent in Burnsville
- Choice Connections
- Cub Foods
- Cub Pharmacy—Heritage
- Cub Pharmacy—Kenwood Trail
- CustomCare Partners
- Dad's Belgian Waffles
- Dakota County
- DARTS
- Downtown Lakeville Business Assn.
- Family Fresh Market
- Fountains at Hosanna!
- Happy Feet Foot Care
- Hearing Aid Doctor
- Heart Restart CPR
- Highview Hills Senior Living
- Kingsley Shores Senior Living
- Kwik Trip
- Lakeville Area Arts Center
- Lakeville Area Historical Society
- Lakeville Community Education
- Lakeville Fire Department
- Lakeville Knights of Columbus
- Lakeville Lions
- Lakeville Liquors
- Lakeville Heritage Library
- Lakeville Police Department
- Lakeville VFW
- Lakeville Yellow Ribbon
- Mainstreet Coffee Cafe
- Medicine Lake Tours
- Metro Dining Club
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
- MN Highway Safety & Research Center
- Nice Guy Technology
- Northmark Medical
- Pan-O-Prog Committee
- Premier World Discovery Tours
- Rascal's Catering
- Senior Coordinators in other cities
- The Open Door Food Pantry
- Thrivent Financial
- Walgreens, Lakeville

Community Service

The Red Hat Chorus and the Classic Voices Chorus performed a total of 65 times throughout the year at a variety of local residential and care facilities spreading joy and fun!





Donations

Day-old bread donations received from:

- Lakeville Cub Foods—two stores
- Lakeville Starbucks—two stores
- Lakeville SuperTarget
- Lakeville Caribou Coffee
- Lund's & Byerly's

Volunteers

The Lakeville Area Active Adults has over 200 volunteers throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities include: Advisory committee, bread drivers, reception desk, special event workers, library and program leaders/instructors.



Annual volunteer luncheon

